

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0006] of the published application with the following replacement paragraph:

--FIG. 1 shows an exemplary SAN includes a virtualization switch, a plurality of hosts, a wireline connection to a storage device (e.g., Fiber Channel.TM., parallel SCSI, or iSCSI), and a plurality of storage devices. Hosts are connected to a virtualization switch through a network. The connections formed between the hosts and a virtualization switch can transmit messages according to any protocol including, but not limited to, iSCSI over Gigabit.TM. Ethernet and Infiniband.TM.. Storage devices may be connected to a virtualization switch through a Fiber Channel (FC) connection. In some configurations, storage devices are connected to a virtualization switch through FC switches. These storage devices may include, but are not limited to, tape drives, optical drives, disks, and Redundant Array of Independent Disks (RAID).--

Please replace paragraph [0026] of the published application with the following replacement paragraph:

--VMU 410 is further capable of generating a plurality of alerts notifying a user of failures occurring during the configuration or operation of virtualization switches 210. Alerts are displayed to a user and may be sent to a user as email messages via an email system. Shown in FIGs. 8A and 8B are exemplary lists of alerts generated by VMU 410. --